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1. COMMERCE PURSUES POLICY OF APPROVING SPARES FOR CIVIL AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED FOR EXPORT. EXCEPTIONS WOULD BE WHEN SPARES ARE JUDGED LIKELY TO BE DIVERTED TO UNAUTHORIZED DESTINATIONS OR WHEN AIRCRAFT THEMSELVES BEING USED FOR PURPOSES NOT WITHIN TERMS OF ORIGINAL LICENSE. EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOI TO THAT EFFECT. FYI - IN LATTER INSTANCE, DENIALS WOULD BE BASED ON FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES WHICH COMMERCE ASKED IMPLEMENT. EXAMPLES, DENIAL TO GABON OF SPARES FOR AIRCRAFT USED IN RHODESIAN TRADE CONTRARY TO UN SANCTIONS, DELAY BUT NOT DENIAL IN CONFIDENTIAL

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AUTHORIZING PARTS FOR CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT OF INDIAN AIR

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FORCE DURING INDO-PAK CONFRONTATION. END FYI.

2. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY REFUSAL TO ISSUE LICENSE FOR SPARE PARTS FOR BOEING 737'S. DURING 1971 INDO-PAK CONFRONTATION SPARE INERTIAL NAVIGATION SYSTEMS (INS) WERE HELD UP SINCE THESE ARE LICENSED BY STATE-OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL (OMC) WHICH AT FIRST APPLIED THE THEN PREVALING POLICY OF BANNING ALL MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO BOTH SIDES. EXCEPTIONS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY MADE TO ALLOW FOR CIVILIAN NATURE OF INS USED BY THE INDIAN AIRLINES BUT NOT WITHOUT SOME DELAY.

3. WE HAVE NOT RESEARCHED THE 1949 AND EARLY 1950'S CASES BUT SUSPECT DELAYS, IF ANY, WERE DUE TO FACT THAT UNTIL 1959 CIVIL AIRCRAFT WAS LICENSED BY OMC AND WAS CONSIDERED MILITARY EQUIPMENT. SINCE THERE IS A TENDENCY TO RESTRICT EXPORTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN ANY EMERGENCY, LICENSES FOR CIVIL AIRCRAFT MAY HAVE BEEN FROM TIME TO TIME DELAYED DURING THIS PERIOD, BUT NOT DENIED UNLESS THEY WERE BEING CONSIGNED TO THE MILITARY. INGERSOLL

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